

As an authentic Christian, you...

1. Live what you believe
2. Speak the truth in love
3. Live generously
4. Admit failure quickly
5. Acknowledge weakness without hesitation
6. Know and accept who you are in Christ

We must come to understand that, just as with salvation, revival comes by the will of the Father.

- Revive me according to Your word.
- Revive me in Your way.
- Revive me in Your righteousness.
- Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,
- Revive me according to Your justice.
- Revive me according to Your judgments.
- Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!

Isaiah 57:15 ...thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Psalm 80:3 Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved! 4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people? 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure. 6 You have made us a strife to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

Psalm 85:4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! 5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? 6 Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Habakkuk 3:2 LORD, I have heard the report about You; LORD, I stand in awe of Your deeds. Revive Your work in these years; make it known in these years. In Your wrath remember mercy!

Ezra 9:6 And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens. 7 "Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day. 8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage. 9 "For we were slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem... 15 "O LORD God of Israel, You are righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!"

Eph. 6:18 Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Eph. 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Here is a very general and loose paraphrase of this verse:

Do not allow your mind and your heart to be filled with desire or concern for those things of the world which bring you pleasure and security, but remain focused on the things of Christ.

When your heart and your mind is so filled with thoughts of jobs, and possessions, and the entertainment and activities that this world holds out before you, there is no room for the Spirit to do the work of transformation.

Matt. 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

It is one thing to sit in the stands and admire the quarterback or the star pitcher. It is something entirely different to spend time throwing a few passes or taking a few pitches with him in a casual setting and just having a friendly discussion about life.

We may study about the Holy Spirit and know everything about Him – His personhood, His power, His purpose. But until we come to know Him on a personal and intimate level, all we have are facts.

In another sermon, Richard Owen Roberts defined revival as "GOD in the midst of His people."

His manifest presence produces all that is desirable in revival. The absence of His manifest presence accounts for all that is undesirable during the seasons of moral and spiritual decline that precede revivals.

Revival is a time when heaven comes closer to earth than at any other time in the lives of men and women. If one considers the greatest attraction of heaven, is it golden streets? Is it the tree of life? Is it the presence of angels? Is it fellowship with other redeemed? NO! The greatest allure of heaven is the absolutely unbroken presence of God.

So too, the most fearful aspect of hell is not the fire that is never quenched, the worm that never dies, the agonies that never cease, the evil that reigns unbridled — the most awful aspect of hell is that God is never there. Think of it! After a billion years in hell the sinner still has no hope that God will ever come, even for a moment.

On Sunday, a pastor stood before his congregation and prayed, "Lord, we fear going through this service hearing the voice of man – our own singing of hymns, and the preacher's speaking the Word. We dread the thought that we will leave this building in an hour and not have known the fellowship and secret sovereign testimony of Your Holy Spirit to our hearts. We confess our sins to You; we cry out in our helplessness and in our need of You. Come and have mercy upon us. We can only erect an altar: it is Your prerogative to send the fire."

POWER of THE Holy Spirit, Pt. 3

EPHESIANS 5.18

I. Personhood of the Holy Spirit

II. Deity of the Holy Spirit

III. The Breath of God

1. Sovereign
2. Invisible
3. Inscrutable (difficult to explain)
4. Indispensable
5. Irresistible
6. Life giving

I. The Role of the Holy Spirit in the OT

- A. The Spirit of the God not only participated in the creation of the world, but also is directly responsible for sustaining it, for controlling and directing its affairs, and for its preservation.
- B. His relationship with man
 1. Being given and taken as God directed
- C. His role concerning the work
 1. Empowered God's people to lead
 2. Equipped God's people with skills
 3. Enabled God's people for victory
 4. Encouraged God's people to persevere
- D. His role concerning the word of God
 1. Revelation
 2. Inspiration
 3. Proclamation
- E. Prophecies